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Soaring gas prices are putting a crimp in everyone's wallet, whether you drive or not.

The latest survey shows a new nationwide average of \$2.32 a gallon. That's up 19 cents in the last three weeks.

Gasoline prices here and around the country are reflecting recent hikes in crude oil prices. In Chicago the average price is \$2.52 a gallon, although it can be found for as low as \$2.14 a gallon.

The cheapest gas can be had in Newark, New Jersey at \$2.06 a gallon. The priciest was found in Bakersfield, California, where on average, it is \$2.62 a gallon.

In an effort to provide relief at the pumps, U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk is proposing several different ways to cut the cost of gas.

He's calling for a national standard for fuel. Right now, there are 16 different blends nationwide, and he says that creates local monopolies.

He wants more ethanol used in gas, and he wants to see the number of refineries in the U.S. increased. He also wants congress to keep the tax deduction for hybrid vehicles.

Most drivers say those changes can't come soon enough!

"They're really high right now," said driver Meribel Solis in Chicago. "We can't afford to have a

car right now."

There is hope -- one major analyst, Trilby Lundberg, thinks gas prices are now at their peak.

She says that crude oil prices are now retreating, and higher refining costs have already been passed along to consumers.